

REMARKS

In response to the final office action dated October 31, 2006, Applicant is amending claims 1, 3, 12, 16 and 18, which includes the independent claims 1, 12 and 16. Dependent claims 2 and 17 are being canceled without prejudice. As such, claims 1, 3-16 and 18-19 are pending. Favorable consideration of the claims as amended is respectfully requested.

The independent claims are being amended to recite further features about the creation of a new document and the input control then used. Particularly, claim 1 now recites “the view being displayed in a computer system configured for creating any of a plurality of types of electronic documents selectively as either of (i) an independent electronic document that is not linked to any other electronic document upon its creation, and (ii) a linked electronic document that is linked to another electronic document upon its creation”. This amendment is supported by the present disclosure, for example in the description of Figures 1A-1D on page 5, line 9 to page 8, line 14 of the specification (hereafter referred to as 5:9—8:14). First, the specification describes that the system can work with at least three types of documents, 6:15-16, such as an activity record document 120 and an opportunity document 190, 5:22—6:8. Thus, this supports the “a computer system configured for creating any of a plurality of types of electronic documents” portion of the amendment.

Second, documents need not have a link to another document. This is why the specification describes the activity record document 120 as existing in the system, without necessarily having been created with the disclosed input control or having a link to any other document. Later in the specification, there is also described how the input control can be used to create a document that is not linked to the displayed document. 8:9-14. Accordingly, there can exist documents that are independent of other documents in the sense that they were not created to have a link to another document. This supports the amendment portion stating that a document can be created “selectively as either of (i) an independent electronic document that is not linked to any other electronic document upon its creation, and (ii) a linked electronic document that is linked to another electronic document upon its creation”.

Claim 1 is also amended to recite “displaying a menu that is an input control in the graphical user interface, the menu comprising user-selectable commands associated with at least some of the plurality of types of electronic documents, wherein upon any of the user-selectable commands being generated there is created a linked electronic document having the corresponding type”. Moreover, the “creating” step of claim 1 is amended to recite that “the input control is configured so that, upon a view of the first new electronic document being displayed in the graphical user interface and another input being generated using the menu, the input control causes a second new electronic document to be created that is linked to the first new electronic document”. Support for these amendments is found in the description of the menu 170. 6:11—7:9.

Similar changes are made in the other independent claims 12 and 16, and some corresponding changes are made in the dependent claims 3 and 18. No new matter is added.

Claims 1, 2, 4-17 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. 6,389,434 (Rivette). Similarly, claims 3 and 18 were rejected over Rivette in view of the article by Neto et al. (Neto). These rejections are rendered moot by the above amendments and cancellations. However, Applicant asserts the following regarding the claims as amended.

Rivette and Neto are taken as described in Applicant's previous response. It is submitted that Rivette and Neto, alone or in combination, do not anticipate or render obvious the subject matter of the claims as amended.

First, the independent claims now recite that documents can be created either as independent documents (not linked to any other documents), or as linked documents. This indicates that the documents contemplated in the present subject matter can have significance also as independent documents, without linking to another document. In Rivette, by contrast, the notes that were relied on in the office action appear to be restricted as depending on the document they refer to. As such, the notes in Rivette do not seem to have significance as independent documents, but rather they are created as a link to further information. As such, it appears Rivette does not disclose or suggest his feature.

Second, the documents contemplated in the present subject matter can be of a plurality of document types (e.g., activity record, opportunity document), and the menu recited in the present claims includes commands for at least some of the document types. Moreover, the claims recite

that the same input control can later be used to create another linked document by again selecting a command in the menu. This subject matter is also not disclosed or suggested by Rivette.

Accordingly, Applicant requests favorable consideration of the pending claims.

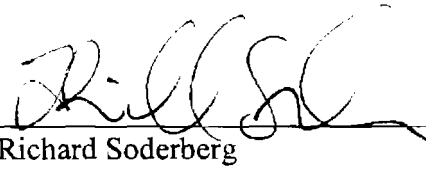
It is believed that all of the pending claims have been addressed. However, the absence of a reply to a specific rejection, issue or comment does not signify agreement with or concession of that rejection, issue or comment. In addition, because the arguments made above may not be exhaustive, there may be reasons for patentability of any or all pending claims (or other claims) that have not been expressed. Finally, nothing in this paper should be construed as an intent to concede any issue with regard to any claim, except as specifically stated in this paper, and the amendment of any claim does not necessarily signify concession of unpatentability of the claim prior to its amendment.

This amendment is filed with a Request for Continued Examination, within the shortened statutory period, and no fee is therefore due. Please apply any other charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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